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Gracenote, based in Berkeley, California, is a technology company specializing in music recognition, content delivery, and database management. Gracenote provides a suite of services, all designed with the same goal in mind: to give music fans a richer, more fulfilling music experience.

Gracenote was founded in 1995 as Cddb by a pair of software developers and music fans as a fun and easy way to identify and categorize their CD's. As word of the innovative and useful service spread, it grew to be a "must-have" application for internet-enabled music players. From a user base of 2,700 in 1997, today Gracenote serves nearly 1 million users each day. Gracenote operates a series of Cddb servers in several locations to provide a reliable and accurate service to users worldwide.

What We Do

- Gracenote's signature **Cddb®** Music Recognition Service™ is the industry standard. It is the largest online database of audio CD and song titles in the world and is accessed by over 28,000,000 unique users each month. Cddb is licensed by over 1,300 developers, including industry leaders such as AOL/Winamp, Kenwood, RealNetworks and Creative Labs. [Click here](#) for links to applications using the latest version of this service.
- Gracenote's content delivery engine provides the ability to aggregate and deliver rich third-party content that is directly related to music as it is playing. By providing player partners, application developers and device makers the ability to serve targeted content in context to the music listening experience, Gracenote enables our partners to generate new revenue streams while fundamentally changing the music listening experience. Current content partners include Amazon.com, MTVi (MTV.com, VH1.com, and Sonicnet.com), Muze, and our own news-gathering applications. [Click here](#) for a list of applications and devices that include this amazing feature.
- **CDkey** technology can verify possession of a particular CD and use it as a key to enable web-based applications like music lockers or music service providers. It can even unlock bonus content from any location, including Gracenote-enabled applications such as media players or websites. [Click here](#) for links to some recent CDkey promotions.
- We recently announced the release of an SDK for consumer electronics manufacturers that will allow both networked and offline devices to display metadata and related content. [Click here](#) for details on how this service works, or [here](#) for more information on the SDK.
- Gracenote is constantly striving to develop new ways to give our licensees and partners access to the highest quality technology and services. The United States Patent and Trademark Office has awarded nine patents to Gracenote. [Click here](#) to find out more about our patents.

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Patent Info

Gracenote is constantly striving to develop the highest quality technology and services that enrich the music experience, wherever people listen to music. As a result of our pioneering work the United States Patent and Trademark Office has awarded Gracenote the nine patents listed below. Copies of Gracenote's patents can be found at <http://www.USPTO.gov> or accessed from the full patent text links below each patent's abstracts.

NETWORK DELIVERY OF INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT SYNCHRONIZED TO PLAYBACK OF AUDIO RECORDINGS

U.S. Patent No. 5,987,525, issued November 16, 1999, relates to features including synchronizing visual content with playback of a musical recording at a local computer that receives the visual content from a remote computer.

[Full patent text.](#)

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR FINDING APPROXIMATE MATCHES IN DATABASE

U.S. Patent No. 6,061,680, issued May 9, 2000, relates to a method used to find title and track information in a database by calculating approximate length information based on the number and length of tracks on a recording.

[Full patent text.](#)

NETWORK DELIVERY OF INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEMENTING AUDIO RECORDINGS

U.S. Patent No. 6,154,773, issued November 28, 2000, relates to features including synchronizing visual content with playback of a musical recording at a local computer that receives the visual content from a remote computer.

[Full patent text.](#)

SYSTEM FOR SYNCHRONIZING PLAYBACK OF RECORDINGS AND DISPLAY BY NETWORKED COMPUTER SYSTEMS

U.S. Patent No. 6,161,132, issued December 12, 2000 relates to a method of using a first device to control playback of a recording at one or more second devices connected to the first device via a network and transmitting output data related to the recording between the first and second devices.

[Full patent text.](#)

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ACCESSING REMOTE DATA BASED ON PLAYBACK OF RECORDINGS

U.S. Patent No. 6,230,192, issued May 8, 2001, relates to using a recording as a password to access a remote device via a computer network. An identifier is determined for the recording and the link to the remote device is based on the identifier.

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U.S. Patent No. 6,230,207, issued May 8, 2001, relates to features including interactively synchronizing the display of information from a remote device with the playback of a recording at a local device.

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NETWORK DELIVERY OF INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT SYNCHRONIZED TO PLAYBACK OF AUDIO RECORDINGS

U.S. Patent No. 6,240,459, issued May 29, 2001 relates to features including a playback system that compares the playback position of a recording with timing information received via a network from a database system to determine whether to request a new display segment from the database system.

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PLAYBACK DEVICE HAVING TEXT DISPLAY AND COMMUNICATION WITH REMOTE DATABASE OF TITLES

U.S. Patent No. 6,304,523 issued October 16, 2001 (Inventors Scott Jones et al., assigned to OpenGlobe; exclusive license to Gracenote for Music Recognition), relates to a Multi-CD Changer or digital Musical Jukebox that connects to a network in order to retrieve and then display textual and other information about the audio files stored or played on the device.

[Full patent text.](#)

SYSTEM FOR COLLECTING USE DATA RELATED TO PLAYBACK OF RECORDINGS

U.S. Patent No. 6,330,593, issued December 11, 2001, relates to entertainment content complementary to a musical recording that is delivered to a user's computer by means of a computer network link. The user employs a browser to access the computer network. A plug-in for the browser is able to control an audio CD or other device for playing the musical recording. A script stored on the remote computer accessed over the network is downloaded. The script synchronizes the delivery of the complementary entertainment content with the play of the musical recording.

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